

The Inventory Reconciliation Cost Calculator

Manual reconciliation rarely shows up as its own line item — it's folded into "operations." This worksheet puts a real number on it, using your own hours and rate.

Do the math for your team

- 1 Hours per day spent checking/correcting inventory across channels
- × Days per week this happens
- × Fully-loaded hourly rate of the person doing it
- × 52 weeks

Estimated annual cost of manual reconciliation

Operator discovery research puts manual reconciliation at roughly 45 minutes to 3 hours a day for most multi-channel teams — this doesn't include the oversells, refunds, or wasted ad spend that still happen anyway.

Signs the number is bigger than you think

- ☐ Someone checks Shopify against your 3PL or warehouse count by hand, most mornings.
- ☐ You've had a customer order something the system said was in stock — and it wasn't.
- ☐ Nobody on the team is fully sure which system's number is "the real one."
- ☐ The habit exists because of a past mistake, not because it's actually the process.
- ☐ Adding a new warehouse, 3PL, or channel has meant adding more manual checking — not less.

Want a second set of eyes on your number? Book a free 20-minute diagnostic — we'll look at your actual sync setup with you.

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